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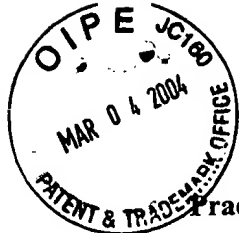
AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action dated December 4, 2004, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified patent application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.



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TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Information Disclosure Statement for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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#### **FEE FOR CLAIMS**

4. No additional fee for claims is necessary.

#### **FEE PAYMENT**

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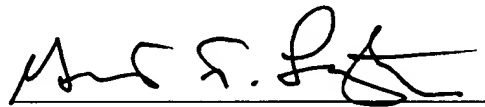
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#### **FEE DEFICIENCY**

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